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Drought Conditions Emerging in Parts of the Country

This drought alert is in continuation of Drought Advisory-I dated 09.12.2024. Recent rainfall spell in the country did not produce significant rainfall in plain areas of the country aggravating the drought conditions. **Below normal** rainfall (-40%) across Pakistan has been received from 01st September 2024 to 15th Jan 2025 across the country. The major anomalies were observed in Sindh (-52%), Balochistan (-45%) and Punjab (-42%). The rainfall departure (%) details are as under:

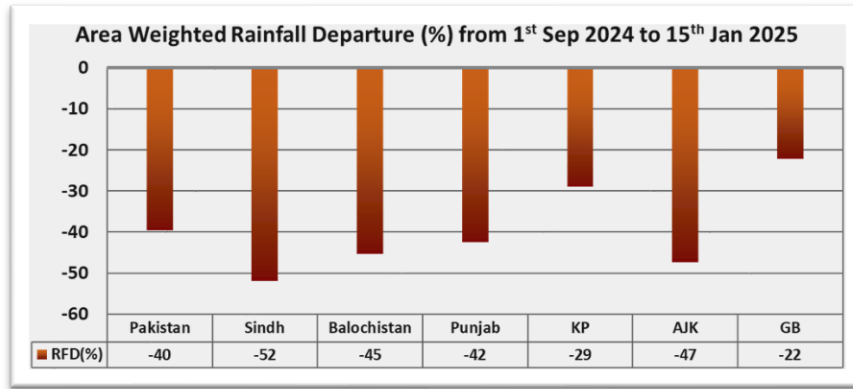


Figure-1: Rainfall Departure (%) across Pakistan

2. **Mild Drought like conditions** have emerged over different areas of the country including the rainfed areas (Figure 2).

In Punjab province, **Mild drought** conditions observed in *Potohar region (Attock, Chakwal, Rawalpindi/Islamabad), Bhakkar, Layyah, Multan, Rajanpur, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Khushab, Mianwali and DG Khan.*

In Sindh province, **Mild meteorological drought** like conditions have emerged over most areas of *Ghotki, Jacobabad, Larkana, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu, Padidan, Sukkur, Khairpur, Tharparkar, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin and Karachi.*

In Balochistan province, **Mild drought** like conditions have emerged over *Ormara, Kharan, Turbat, Kech, Panjgur, Awaran, Lasbella, Nokkundi, Dalbandin and adjacent areas.*

“The ongoing drought conditions are likely to aggravate further as no significant rainfall expected in rain-fed areas of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan. PMD has also viewed the second half of this season (JFM) as dry compared to the first half, also the above normal temperatures forecast may favor the turning of mild drought conditions to moderate drought, especially in the rainfed areas of country”.

